April A PROCLAMATION AGAINST TRADING WITH THE FRFNCII REBELS

A Proclamation by the Queen is published declaring that Henry the Fourth, King of Fiance and Navarre, is justly entitled the King of France, being recommended to the realm by the last king before his death, in presence of all the Princes of the blood and of the rest of the nobility, to be his most lawful successor It now manifestly appears that this unnatural rebellion is favoured by none of the ancient nobility of France but by a very few of a strange blood, lately brought in and planted by marriages in France, and only branches depending of the House of Lorraine Her Majesty therefore is moved to yield to the King, her brother and confederate, her favour, both in appiobation of his right and wishing to him prosperity against his rebels, as she thinks there is no Monarch nor Sovereign Potentate in Christendom but does the like, save only one, who not contented with all the kingdoms and dominions which his noble father left him, by reason of his abundant riches brought out of the Indies, attempts to augment his estate by encroaching to himself the Dominions of his neighbours

This rebellion against the French King is fed and maintained in sundry port towns of France and especially in Normandy and Brittany, where the people live by exchange of merchandise and by receiving succours of victuals and munitions of war from foieign countries, without which the rebels in their ports could neither continue their rebellions nor yet relieve their fellow rebels in the land Her Majesty therefore expressly commands all her natural subjects and all other persons resorting to her realm to forbear to trade with any of the King's rebels, either in

France or fraudulently here in England, upon pain of being punished as traitors, and relievers and succourers of the Queen's enemies

Her Majesty is informed that many of her subjects, outwardly making their entries with the officers of the Custom houses as if to repair to the ports of France which obey the French King, or to other ports of the realm, or to Jersey or Guernsey, craftily and by stealth carry powder, shot, copper and other habiliments of war to the ports held by the enemy For the repressing of which abuse the officers of the Custom houses are to have good